

DARPA UHPC PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

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Q1.	Can proposers be members of multiple teams and can proposers be on both TA1 and TA2 teams?
A1.	Yes, proposers can participate on both TA1 and TA2 teams and multiple teams; however, proposers may not be principle investigators on multiple proposals and must ensure conflicts of interest do not arise as a result from being on multiple teams. Proposers must also ensure there are not multiple compensations for same activities performed for multiple teams.
Q2.	Can I contact DARPA representatives to discuss my UHPC ideas to see if they are of interest, or to discuss potential guidance?
A2.	Once the BAA is released, DARPA will not discuss potential responses, concepts or approaches relevant to the BAA, as any such dialog could be construed as advice or direction and provides an unfair competitive advantage. Other administrative or clarifying questions may be submitted to the BAA mailbox with the understanding that answers will be made available to the entire community via a FAQ site.
Q3.	The last sentence on p. 23 states: "TA2 team proposal must address how the proposed UHPC System will achieve for the stated vision and goals, specifically efficiency, programmability, and dependability." Is the reference to TA2 a typographical error? Should it read TA1 instead?
A3.	<p>Yes, the reference to TA2 is a typographical error. It should refer to TA1.</p> <p>Please refer to the Amended copy of the BAA, which was posted on FedBizOpps on March 10, as the sentence in question has been changed to "The proposal must address how the proposed UHPC System will achieve the stated vision and goals, specifically efficiency, programmability, and dependability."</p>
Q4.	My question concerns Section IV.E - Funding Restrictions (p. 54). This section states that indirect cost rates are capped at 35% if using 6.1 Basic Research funding. However, the last sentence of this section states that DARPA anticipates using 6.2 funding for this program, which I believe is for applied research. Our proposal is contemplated to be applied research. Am I correct that the 35% IDC cap <u>does not</u> apply to 6.2 funding and we may propose using our full overhead rates?
A4.	Yes, the 35% cap applies only if we fund the effort with 6.1 money.

Q5.	Is the CoDR supposed to be held at the end of the first year of Phase 1, or the end of the second year of phase 1?
A5.	<p>There was an error with the statement on page 33:</p> <p>These documents, plus additional briefing materials, will be presented and reviewed at the Conceptual Design Review (CoDR), which will be held at the end of the first year of Phase 1.</p> <p>The statement should be:</p> <p>These documents, plus additional briefing materials, will be presented and reviewed at the Conceptual Design Review (CoDR), which will be held six months prior to the end of Phase 1.</p>
Q6.	<p>What exactly do we need to submit for each of our subcontractors?</p> <p>Do you need the subcontractor proposal as detailed as the Prime for contracts over \$650K or for ALL subcontractors? Is this \$650K for each phase, or for all phases combined?</p> <p>What are some examples of 'methods' of cost estimation and 'supporting documentation'?</p>
A6.	You will need to submit subcontractor proposals with detailed cost information for each subcontract over \$650K for each phase. This will expedite the contracting process.